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SUBJECT: BRUNO KALNINS

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1. BRUNO KALNINS IS A CONTROVERSIAL FIGURE IN THE LATVIAN EXILE COMMUNITY AND THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF ALLEGATIONS OF A DEROGATORY NATURE ABOUT HIS PRE-1945 ACTIVITIES WHICH HAVE NEVER BEEN RESOLVED. THESE ALLEGATIONS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: HAVING COMMUNIST SYMPATHIES, COLLABORATION WITH THE SOVIETS INCLUDING SERVING AS A POLITICAL COMMISSAR IN THE LATVIAN ARMY IN 1940 AND A QUESTIONABLE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GERMANS IN LATVIA IN 1944.

2. TO KALNINS' CREDIT HE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED WITH ANTI-COMMUNIST CAUSES AND GROUPS SINCE 1945 AND HAS RECEIVED FAVORABLE ASSESSMENTS BY TWO FORMER OFFICERS.

3. KALNINS WAS DROPPED FROM CONSIDERATION AS A PROSPECTIVE PBCHORD EMPLOYEE IN 1956 BECAUSE OF THE DEROGATORY INFORMATION ABOUT HIM AND DESPITE FAVORABLE ASSESSMENTS, COULD NOT BE USED OPERATIONALLY BECAUSE HE COULD NOT BE CLEARED.

4. KALNINS WAS, HOWEVER, USED ON TWO OCCASIONS IN AN UNWITTING CAPACITY. IN 1962 KALNINS' SOVIET STUDY GROUP IN STOCKHOLM WAS FUNDED FOR ONE YEAR BY A PNEXCEL NOTIONAL FOUNDATION. IN 1972 KALNINS WAS USED IN A MAILING OPERATION IN WHICH COPIES OF PROPAGANDA MATERIAL WERE SENT TO KALNINS' BALTIC INSTITUTE IN STOCKHOLM FOR FORWARDING TO THE USSR.

5. KALNINS IS CONSIDERED THE NUMBER ONE ENEMY OF THE LATVIAN KGB AND HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF TASS ARTICLES IN THE PAST.

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